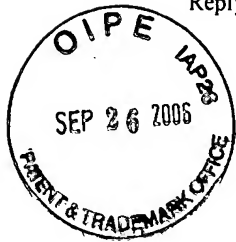


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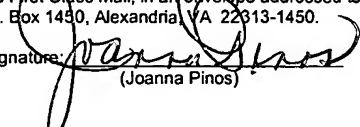
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This In response to the Office Action dated June 9, 2006. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, *i.e.*, by September 9, 2006. The Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time, extending the period to respond to October 9, 2006 and, thus, the response is timely. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record for this application.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.